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1. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
BY THE EMBASSY FROM IMPORTERS OF CANNED FRUIT CONCERN-
ING DELAY IN OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSES, A NOTE WAS SENT
TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAY 30 BRINGING THE
MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS CALLING FOR EXTENSIVE
DOCUMENTATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED WHEN IMPORTS
WERE SUBJECT TO QUOTA. TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO ITS NOTE NUMBER 73
OF MAY 21, 1973 CONCERNING QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE ON CERTAIN
PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THE REFERENCES NOTE CONFIRMED AN UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THAT ALL IMPORT QUOTAS WOULD
BE TERMINATED AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975 FOR THE FOLLOWING
PRODUCTS:

- (A) DRIED AND DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES (07.03 EXC),
- (B) CANNED TONATOES (20.02C),
- (C) TOMATO JUICE (20.07B EX II), AND
- (D) CANNED FRUIT (20.06B EX II), EXCEPTING
CANNED PINEAPPLE.

IMPORTERS WERE NOT AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR IMPORT
LICENSES UNTIL APRIL 25. THE IMPORTERS HAVE INFORMED
THE EMBASSY THAT THE MINISTRY OF AG RICULTURE HAS
INSTITUTED NEW PROCEDURES WHICH WILL DISRUPT NORMAL
TRADING ACTIVITIES AND WHICH WILL SERIOUSLY DELAY THE
POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING LICENSES.

IN VIEW OF THE DELAYS ALREADY ENCOUNTERED, THE
EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED OF AN EXPEDITIOUS
IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR UNDERSTANDING, THE PURPOSE OF
WHICH WAS TO ELIMINATE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON THE
ABOVE-MENTIONED PRODUCTS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
END QUOTE.

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